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Mr. Chase Untermeyer
Director of Presidential Personnel
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Untermeyer:

I am writing to inform you of activities I have been involved in related to my upcoming confirmation hearing since the President stated in late December that he would be nominating me for the position of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. I am also hoping to determine where the processing of my nomination stands in your office.

After consulting with White House Legislative Director Fred McClure, CIA's Office of Congressional Affairs arranged for me to pay courtesy calls on Members of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. I have had sessions with almost all Members and am pleased to report that none has expressed any reservations about my nomination. Indeed, Chairman Boren mentioned to me that he had checked with Members and staff of the Committee and foresees no problem. He indicated his hope that the Committee could schedule the hearing on Wednesday, 22 February. We have provided a draft of the opening statement I will use at the confirmation hearing both to Fred McClure and to the Committee.

My Personal Data Statement and Financial Disclosure Form have been reviewed by the White House Counsel's office, and the latter has been approved by the Office of Government Ethics. The FBI background investigation has been completed and was forwarded to the White House on February 7, 1989.

The Senate Intelligence Committee has contacted us and Fred McClure's office to schedule a date on which the confirmation hearing can be held. I would appreciate it if you could advise me as to when you expect to be in a position to forward the nomination to the Senate. Additionally, it would be most helpful if you could provide me with the name and telephone number of an individual in your office with whom my staff could discuss these arrangements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Kent".

Richard J. Kent
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence-Designate

Letter to Mr. Chase Untermeyer, Director of Presidential
Personnel, The White House

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